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IF YOU'LL --- JUST HAIL ME A TAXI, I'LL --- I'LL ---
GOOD LORD, MAN ---
YOU'RE WHITE AS A SHEET!

I'D BETTER HELP YOU TO A BAR --- WHERE YOU CAN GET A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT!
WHEN I SAW YOU LEAVE THE ART CLUB THIS EVENING WITH PICKMAN, I NEVER IMAGINED THAT ---
PICKMAN? PLEASE --- FOR THE SAKE OF MY SANITY ---
--- DON'T MENTION THAT NAME --- TO ME ---!

OF COURSE, THURBER --- WHATEVER YOU SAY!
IT'S JUST THAT I KNOW THAT YOU TWO HAVE BECOME PRETTY THICK OF LATE, SO I EXPECTED TO FIND YOU TOGETHER!
NEVER AGAIN, ELIOT! BELIEVE ME --- NEVER AGAIN!
NORTH END BAR

--- FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO CURT OUT THERE, ELIOT! I ---
FORGET IT, THURBER! WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS TOO LONG TO ---
YES --- WE HAVE BEEN! AND THAT'S WHY I MUST TELL YOU --- TELL YOU ABOUT PICKMAN!

PICKMAN? LOOK, MAN YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIM, AND I DIDN'T INTEND TO PRY --!
BUT I MUST TELL SOMEONE --- I MUST --- OR I SHALL GO MAD!
LISTEN TO ME, ELIOT --- THEN TELL ME IF RICHARD UPTON PICKMAN IS A MAN OR A FIEND FROM THE LOWEST PITS OF HELL!

"AS YOU KNOW, I HAD GOT INTO THE HABIT OF CALLING ON PICKMAN QUITE OFTEN... ESPECIALLY AFTER I BEGAN WRITING THAT MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON WEIRD ART... BUT EVEN I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THE EXHIBIT OF HIS WORK WHICH OPENED AT THE ART CLUB EARLIER TONIGHT--!"

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PICKMAN!

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AS YOU KNOW... I'M A DEVOTEE OF YOUR WORK!

BUT THESE... THEY GO BEYOND WHAT YOU HAVE EVER DONE BEFORE ... BEYOND ALL BOUNDS OF TASTE!

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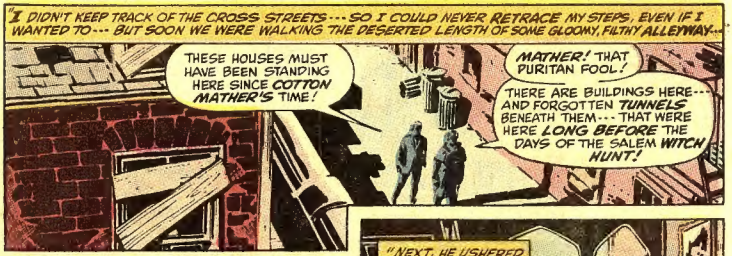
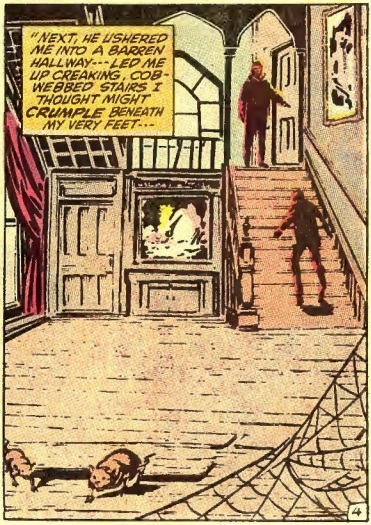
MORBID? BAH! THESE ARE BUT THE TAMEST SPECIMENS OF MY ART!

BUT, IF YOU ARE GAME, MAN---
I'LL TAKE YOU THIS VERY EVENING TO MY NORTH END STUDIO--- WHERE YOU'LL SEE PAINTINGS WORTHY OF THAT ARTICLE OF YOURS!
THEN BY ALL MEANS--- LET'S BE OFF!

"BY ABOUT TWELVE O'CLOCK, WE HAD STRUCK ALONG THE OLD WATERFRONT---
IT IS NOT MUCH FARTHER---!


"I DIDN'T KEEP TRACK OF THE CROSS STREETS--- SO I COULD NEVER RETRACE MY STEPS, EVEN IF I WANTED TO--- BUT SOON WE WERE WALKING THE DESERTED LENGTH OF SOME GLOOMY, FILTHY ALLEYWAY---
THESE HOUSES MUST HAVE BEEN STANDING HERE SINCE COTTON MATHER'S TIME!
MATHER! THAT PURITAN FOOL!
THERE ARE BUILDINGS HERE--- AND FORGOTTEN TUNNELS BENEATH THEM--- THAT WERE HERE LONG BEFORE THE DAYS OF THE SALEM WITCH HUNT!

"THEN, THRU A NARROW, OBTUSE-ANGLED BEND, PICKMAN LED ME TO A WORM-EATEN, MANY-PANELLED DOOR---
WE ARE HERE!


"NEXT, HE USHERED ME INTO A BARREN HALLWAY--- LED ME UP CREAKING, COBWEBBED STAIRS I THOUGHT MIGHT CRUMPLE BENEATH MY VERY FEET---

ENTER, PLEASE...
THANK YOU! I... GOOD LORD!
...AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!
"NOW, ELIOT, I'M NOT A SQUEAMISH SOUL...BUT THE AWFUL, BLASPHEMOUS HORROR OF WHAT I SAW IN THAT ROOM FILLED ME WITH UTTER, NAMELESS LOATHING...!
THEY'RE WORKS OF GENIUS! AND YET...
I KNOW, THURBER! I COULD SCARCELY EXHIBIT SOME OF THESE AT THAT WRETCHED CLUB!
AS IF I SHOULD CARE WHAT THOSE EFFETE FOOLS THINK OF MY ART!
YOU'RE...QUITE RIGHT, PICKMAN! FOR, THERE'S SUCH DETAIL...SUCH STARK REALISM IN THESE ANGUISHED FACES...AS I'VE NEVER SEEN SURPASSED!
EVEN THIS CEMETERY...!
A GRAVEYARD NOT FAR FROM HERE, MY FRIEND! I EMPLOY IT IN MANY OF MY WORKS!
IT IS A FAVORITE SCENE OF MINE!
I USE MANY PHOTOGRAPHS, YOU SEE...FOR THE BACKGROUNDS OF MY PAINTINGS!
NOW, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE...MY STUDIO...!
"NOW, MY HOST LED ME INTO THE CELLAR OF THIS SHADOWED PLACE...
WALK QUIETLY, PLEASE...AND SAY NO MORE THAN YOU MUST!
THERE ARE...THINGS IN THE DARKNESS WHICH ARE BEST NOT AWAKENED!
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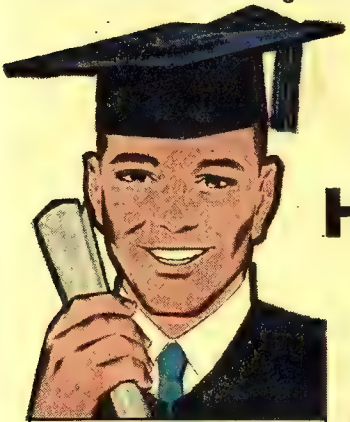

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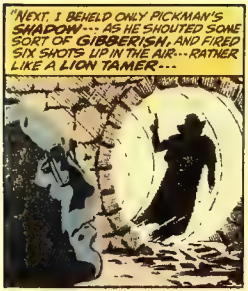
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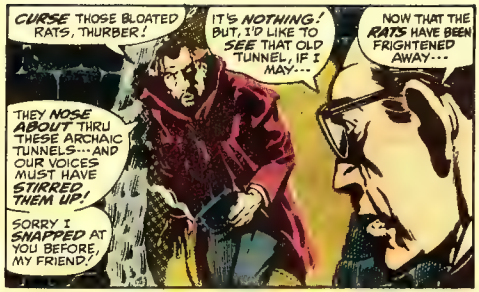
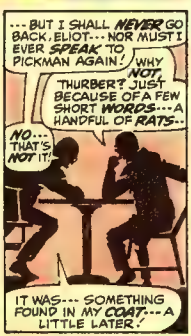

CURSE THOSE BLOATED RATS, THURBER!
IT'S NOTHING! BUT, I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT OLD TUNNEL, IF I MAY---
NOW THAT THE RATS HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED AWAY---
THEY NOSE ABOUT THRU THESE ARCHAIC TUNNELS---AND OUR VOICES MUST HAVE STIRRED THEM UP!
SORRY I SNAPPED AT YOU BEFORE, MY FRIEND!

BUT---THEY WILL BE BACK, THURBER: THEY WILL BE BACK!
THEY WILL NOT HARM ME---BUT YOU---
YOU MUST GO--- WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME!
YES---OF COURSE---IT IS LATE---!

COME BACK AGAIN--- SOME OTHER EVENING---!


---BUT I SHALL NEVER GO BACK, ELIOT---NOR MUST I EVER SPEAK TO PICKMAN AGAIN!
WHY NOT, THURBER? JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW SHORT WORDS---A HANDFUL OF RATS--
NO--- THAT'S NOT IT!
IT WAS--- SOMETHING FOUND IN MY COAT---A LITTLE LATER!

HERE IT IS---THE CURLED UP PAPER THAT WAS TACKED TO THAT FRIGHTFUL CANVAS IN THE CELLAR---
---THE THING I THOUGHT WAS A PHOTO OF SOME SCENE HE MEANT TO USE AS A BACK-GROUND!
YOU MEAN THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS? THEN, WHAT---?

LOOK, ELIOT! LOOK CLOSELY! WHAT IT SHOWS IS SIMPLY THE LOATHSOME MONSTER HE WAS PAINTING---AND THE BACKGROUND IS MERELY THE WALL OF PICKMAN'S CELLAR STUDIO!
BUT, HEAVEN HELP ME, ELIOT--- IT'S NOT A SKETCH--- IT'S A PHOTO-GRAPH!!
PINIS

I DARED TO ENTER THE HAUNTED ROOM!

THAT NIGHT I THOUGHT ONLY OF MY **PLAN!** IT EVEN PERVADED MY **DREAMS**...TAKING ME BACK TO THE BEGINNING...

A BISMUTH NUCLEAR BOMB! IF I CAN ACCOMPLISH IT, I'LL HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON ON EARTH... CAPABLE OF DESTROYING OUR ENTIRE WORLD!

FOR TWO YEARS I WORKED ON IT! FINALLY, THE GREAT DAY ARRIVED!

THE BOMB'S COMPLETED! IT'LL GO OFF ANYTIME I TRIGGER IT! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS HIDE IT IN A SAFE PLACE WHILE I DELIVER MY ULTIMATUM TO THE WORLD... WHILE I TELL THEM THAT UNLESS THEY MAKE ME **RULER** OF THE WORLD...

...I'LL BLOW THE ENTIRE PLANET TO KINGDOM COME!

THE NEXT MORNING I WENT TO SEE THE LOCAL RENTING AGENT...

THE HOUSE MUST BE ISOLATED! I'M WRITING A BOOK AND I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED BY PRYING NEIGHBORS!

AHHH-- IN THAT CASE I HAVE **JUST** THE PLACE! THE OLD WORMWOOD HOME! IT'S JUST ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN! NO ONE THERE TO BOTHER YOU!

THERE IS, HOWEVER, SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU... ONE OF THE ROOMS OF THE WORMWOOD HOME IS HAUNTED! YOU MUST **NEVER** ENTER THAT ROOM!

HAUNTED? HAH!

HE COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN ME ANY BETTER NEWS! AN HOUR LATER WE ARRIVED AT THE HOUSE...

HERE IT IS, MR. SMITH... ALL YOURS!

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THE FORBIDDEN ROOM IS UPSTAIRS! I'LL SHOW YOU WHICH ONE IT IS, SO YOU CAN AVOID IT!

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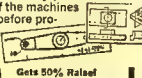

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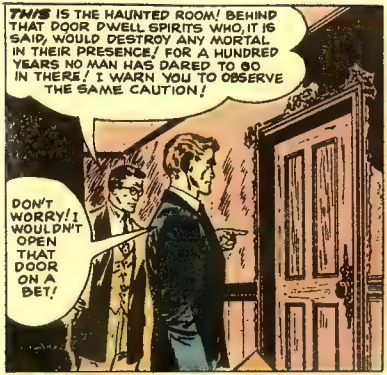
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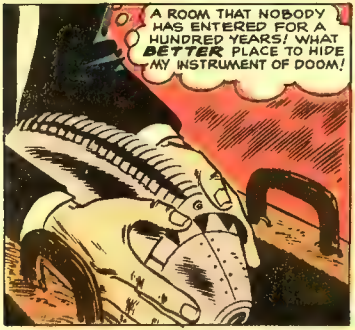
DON'T WORRY! I WOULDN'T OPEN THAT DOOR ON A BET!

BUT AS SOON AS THE AGENT LEFT...
SUPERSTITIOUS FOOL! HE DIDN'T REALIZE IT, BUT HE GAVE ME THE PERFECT PLACE TO HIDE MY BOMB!


A ROOM THAT NOBODY HAS ENTERED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS! WHAT BETTER PLACE TO HIDE MY INSTRUMENT OF DOOM!

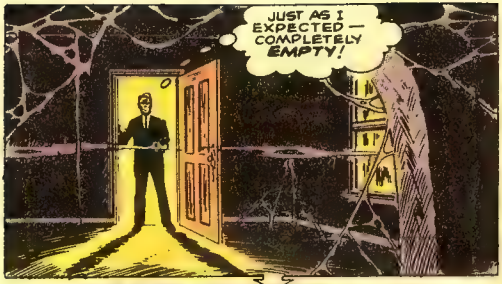
IMAGINE PEOPLE IN THIS DAY AND AGE STILL BELIEVING IN GHOSTS AND THE SUPERNATURAL... AS THOUGH SUCH THINGS EXIST...!
...WHAT A LAUGH!

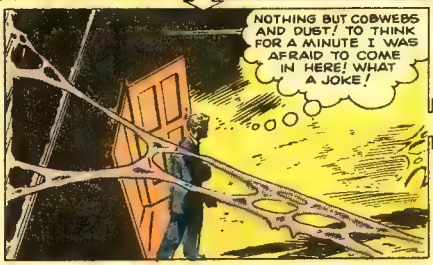
BUT WHEN I REACHED TOWARD THE KNOB-- A SUDDEN COLD FEAR GRIPPED MY HEART...
MAYBE--MAYBE SOMETHING DANGEROUS IS...

NO! THAT'S RIDICULOUS! THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR IN ANY ROOM OF AN OBVIOUSLY VACANT HOUSE!

AND YET, I WONDER... PERHAPS THERE ARE THINGS BEYOND THE PHYSICAL WORLD OF MAN! HIGHER FORMS OF LIFE WITH GREATER POWERS THAN US...

NO, I'M THINKING LIKE AN IDIOT! THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR... ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! THERE! I'VE OPENED THE DOOR!





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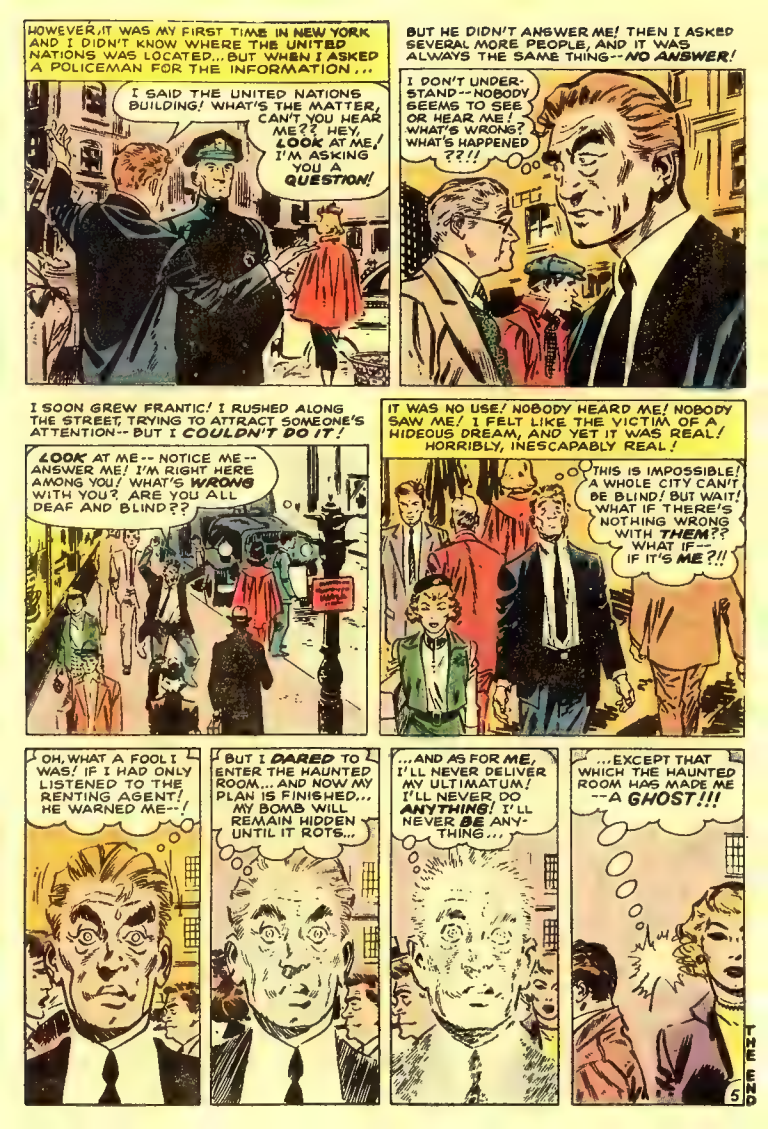
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I SAID THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING! WHAT'S THE MATTER, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?? HEY, LOOK AT ME, I'M ASKING YOU A QUESTION!
BUT HE DIDN'T ANSWER ME! THEN I ASKED SEVERAL MORE PEOPLE, AND IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME THING--NO ANSWER!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--NOBODY SEEMS TO SEE OR HEAR ME! WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S HAPPENED ??!!
I SOON GREW FRANTIC! I RUSHED ALONG THE STREET, TRYING TO ATTRACT SOMEONE'S ATTENTION--BUT I COULDN'T DO IT!
LOOK AT ME--NOTICE ME--ANSWER ME! I'M RIGHT HERE AMONG YOU! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ARE YOU ALL DEAF AND BLIND??
IT WAS NO USE! NOBODY HEARD ME! NOBODY SAW ME! I FELT LIKE THE VICTIM OF A HIDEOUS DREAM, AND YET IT WAS REAL! HORRIBLY, INESCAPABLY REAL!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! A WHOLE CITY CAN'T BE BLIND! BUT WAIT! WHAT IF THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THEM?? WHAT IF--IF IT'S ME?!!
OH, WHAT A FOOL I WAS! IF I HAD ONLY LISTENED TO THE RENTING AGENT! HE WARNED ME--!
BUT I DARED TO ENTER THE HAUNTED ROOM... AND NOW MY PLAN IS FINISHED... MY BOMB WILL REMAIN HIDDEN UNTIL IT ROTS...
...AND AS FOR ME, I'LL NEVER DELIVER MY ULTIMATUM! I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING! I'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING...
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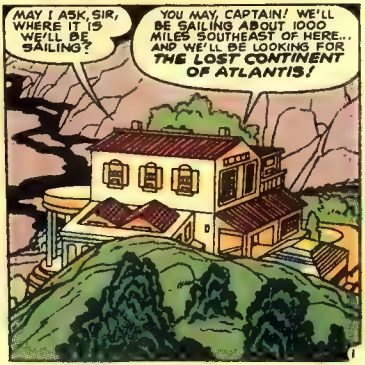

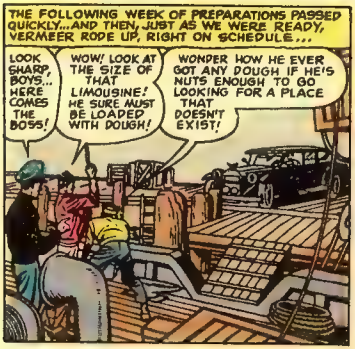

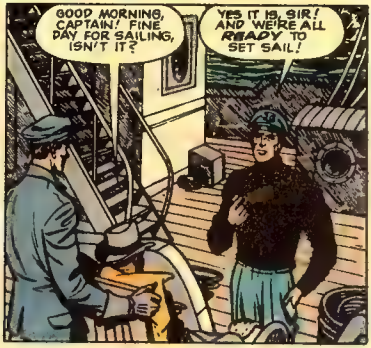

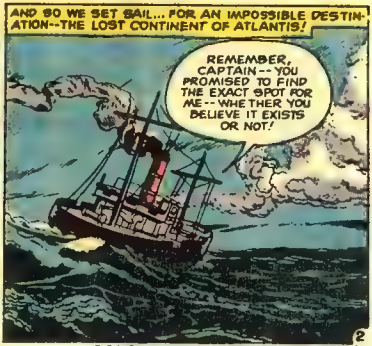

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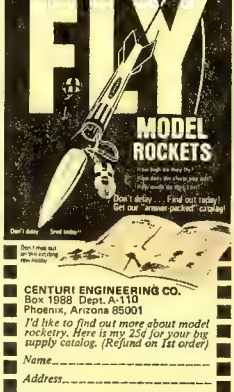

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VERY WELL, MR. VERMEER... SOUTH SOUTHEAST IT IS!

AS THE DAYS SPED BY, VERMEER INCREASINGLY BECAME A TOPIC FOR RIDICULE AMONG THE MEN OF THE CREW...

...AND THIS GUY VERMEER EVEN *LOOKS* FUNNY!

YEAH-- I KNOW WHAT YA MEAN! THAT COMPLETELY BALD HEAD... AND THOSE POINTED EARS... AND THAT FUNNY LOOK THAT HIS EYES SOMETIMES HAVE... IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE YA BREAK OUT LAUGHIN'!

AS FOR MY OPINION OF VERMEER, WELL -- I WAS BEGINNING TO DEVELOP AN UNEXPLAINABLE *RESPECT* FOR THIS STRANGE LITTLE MAN-- A FEELING THAT HE WASN'T AS MAD AS HE SEEMED...

TELL ME, CAPTAIN, HOW DOES THE CREW FEEL ABOUT THIS VOYAGE?

THEY THINK IT'S -- AH, *STRANGE* TO LOOK FOR A PLACE WHICH EXISTS ONLY IN LEGEND! BUT I'M SURE THAT YOU HAVE YOUR OWN REASONS FOR THIS SEARCH, SIR!

I DO, CAPTAIN! ...I DO!

MAYBE *THAT'S* HIS LOST CONTINENT! HA HA HA!

NOT SO LOUD-- VERMEER'S LIABLE TO *HEAR* YOU!

THE VOYAGE CONTINUED... AND DAY AFTER DAY VERMEER, WHEN HE WASN'T DIRECTING OUR COURSE, SAT AT THE BOW-- GAZING ACROSS THE VAST REACHES OF OCEAN...

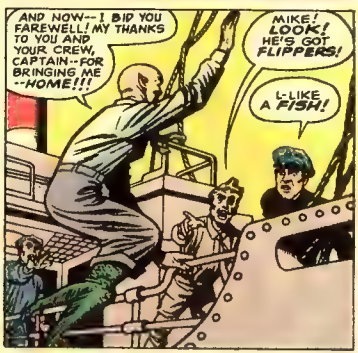
HE CONSTANTLY SITS THERE -- STARING LONGINGLY AT THE SEA...

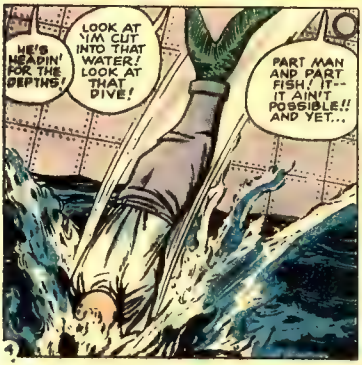
... AND THE POOR DEVIL LOOKS AS LONELY AS THE SEA HE SEARCHES... *USELESSLY* LOOKING FOR A CONTINENT THAT *DOESN'T* EXIST!

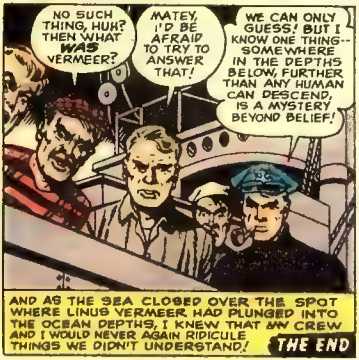
DAYS PASSED INTO WEEKS, AND FINALLY IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF OUR FOURTH WEEK AT SEA -- AND THE RIDICULOUSNESS OF OUR VOYAGE WAS STARTING TO ANNOY THE CREW...
CAPTAIN, HOW LONG ARE WE GONNA KEEP ON WITH THIS FOOL VOYAGE? EVEN WHEN HE'S WELL PAID FOR IT, A MAN CAN TAKE ONLY SO MUCH OF AN IDIOTIC THING!
IT WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER--MR. VERMEER HIRED US FOR ONLY A MONTH!

THEN SUDDENLY--FROM THE FRONT OF THE SHIP--CAME AN EXCITED CRY...
CAPTAIN! IT'S HERE! THE LOST CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS STARTS AT THIS SPOT--250 LEAGUES BENEATH THE SEA'S SURFACE!

THE GUY'S EVEN NUTTIER THAN WE THOUGHT!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ATLANTIS IS LOCATED RIGHT HERE, SIR?
I CAN FEEL IT, CAPTAIN! EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING TELLS ME IT'S HERE!


AND NOW--I BID YOU FAREWELL! MY THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR CREW, CAPTAIN--FOR BRINGING ME--HOME!!!
MIKE! LOOK! HE'S GOT FLIPPERS!
L-LIKE A FISH!


HE'S HEADIN' FOR THE DEPTHS!
LOOK AT 'IM CUT INTO THAT WATER! LOOK AT THAT DIVE!
PART MAN AND PART FISH! IT--IT AIN'T POSSIBLE!! AND YET...


NO SUCH THING, HUH? THEN WHAT WAS VERMEER?
MATEY, I'D BE AFRAID TO TRY TO ANSWER THAT!
WE CAN ONLY GUESS! BUT I KNOW ONE THING--SOMEWHERE IN THE DEPTHS BELOW, FURTHER THAN ANY HUMAN CAN DESCEND, IS A MYSTERY BEYOND BELIEF!
AND AS THE SEA CLOSED OVER THE SPOT WHERE LINUS VERMEER HAD PLUNGED INTO THE OCEAN DEPTHS, I KNEW THAT MY CREW AND I WOULD NEVER AGAIN RIDICULE THINGS WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.
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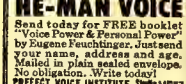

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DON'T PATRONIZE ME, DOCTOR! I DON'T WANT MEDICAL EXPLANATIONS -- I WANT *HELP*! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP ME AWAKE! GOT TO KEEP ME FROM THE DWELLERS IN THE FIFTH DIMENSION!

"YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE... NO IDEA OF HOW *DETERMINED* THEY ARE!"

THEY WANT ME TO JOIN THEM!

COME! ENTER OUR WORLD!

DON'T TRY TO RESIST!

YOU MUST SLEEP SOMETIME!

WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD!

WE'LL GET YOU SOONER OR LATER!

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YOU'RE ALWAYS CHANGING FORM-- CHANGING COLOR!

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THERE'S NO ORDER, NO SYSTEM, NO DESIGN TO YOUR WORLD! IT'S UTTER CHAOS!

THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S A DIFFERENT DIMENSION -- A FIFTH DIMENSION!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT! THERE IS ALWAYS A STATE OF ANXIETY, DOUBT, AND TENSION THAT INCREASES WITH EACH HARROWING INCIDENT!"

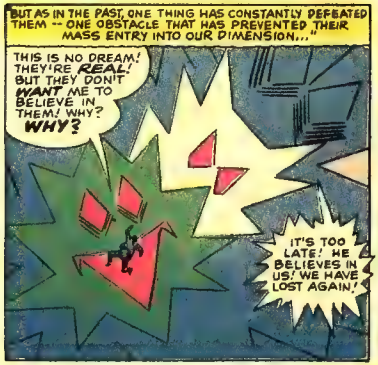
LET ME GO! LET ME WAKE UP! LET ME RETURN TO MY OWN WORLD!

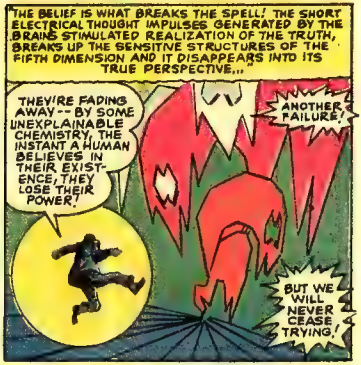
WE WANT YOU... WE *NEED* YOU... TO STUDY... TO LEARN FROM!

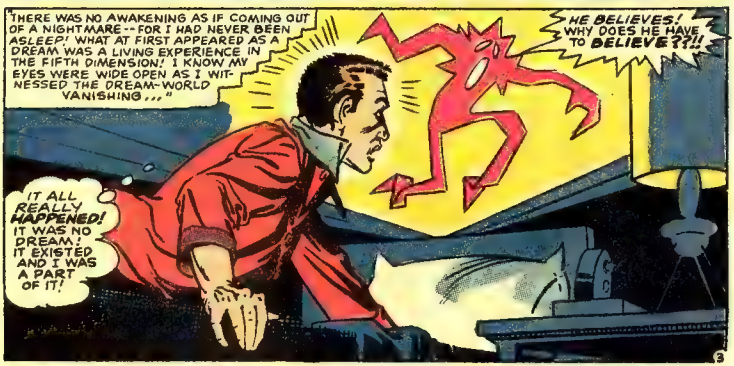
WE, TOO, WANT TO ESCAPE FROM THIS MAD, UNPREDICTABLE WORLD! WE WANT TO LIVE IN YOUR DIMENSION, BUT WE MUST LEARN HOW! AND WE CAN ONLY LEARN IT FROM YOU HUMANS!
WE SHALL NEVER GIVE UP TRYING!

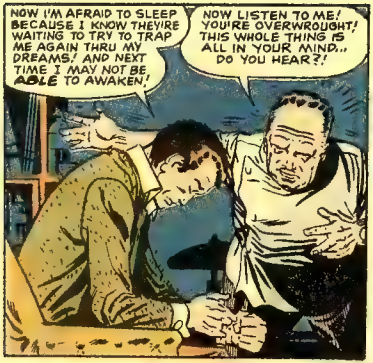
FOR CENTURIES THEY HAVE TRIED TO FIND A WAY INTO OUR MATERIAL WORLD WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS... THRU DREAMS THEY CONTINUE TO TRY TO TRAP HUMANS!"
YOU ARE A PERFECT SUBJECT! IT MAY BE DECADES BEFORE WE FIND ANOTHER AS EASY TO TRAP!
WE WILL TRY THE FREEZE METHOD!

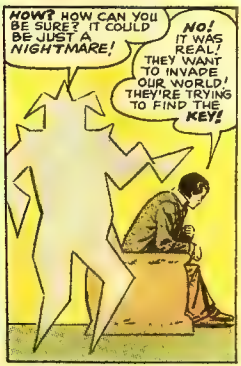
HIS REASONING MUST BE FROZEN WHILE IT IS STILL IN THE UNBELIEVING STATE!
WE CAN ONLY STUDY THEM WHILE THEY REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN US!

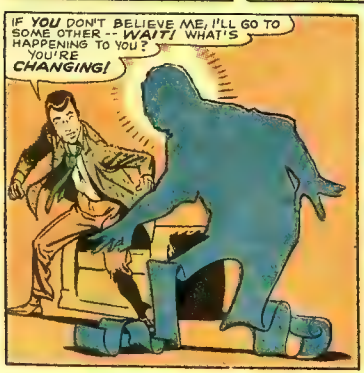

BUT AS IN THE PAST, ONE THING HAS CONSTANTLY DEFEATED THEM -- ONE OBSTACLE THAT HAS PREVENTED THEIR MASS ENTRY INTO OUR DIMENSION..."
THIS IS NO DREAM! THEY'RE REAL! BUT THEY DON'T WANT ME TO BELIEVE IN THEM! WHY? WHY?
IT'S TOO LATE! HE BELIEVES IN US! WE HAVE LOST AGAIN!


THE BELIEF IS WHAT BREAKS THE SPELL! THE SHORT ELECTRICAL THOUGHT IMPULSES GENERATED BY THE BRAINS STIMULATED REALIZATION OF THE TRUTH, BREAKS UP THE SENSITIVE STRUCTURES OF THE FIFTH DIMENSION AND IT DISAPPEARS INTO ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE..."
THEY'RE FADING AWAY -- BY SOME UNEXPLAINABLE CHEMISTRY, THE INSTANT A HUMAN BELIEVES IN THEIR EXISTENCE, THEY LOSE THEIR POWER!
ANOTHER FAILURE!
BUT WE WILL NEVER CEASE TRYING!


THERE WAS NO AWAKENING AS IF COMING OUT OF A NIGHTMARE -- FOR I HAD NEVER BEEN ASLEEP! WHAT AT FIRST APPEARED AS A DREAM WAS A LIVING EXPERIENCE IN THE FIFTH DIMENSION! I KNOW MY EYES WERE WIDE OPEN AS I WITNESSED THE DREAM-WORLD VANISHING..."
HE BELIEVES! WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BELIEVE??!!
IT ALL REALLY HAPPENED! IT WAS NO DREAM! IT EXISTED AND I WAS A PART OF IT!







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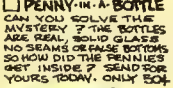

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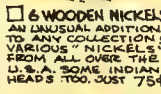

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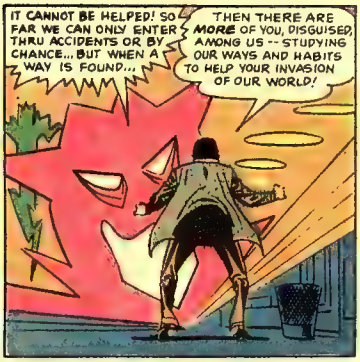
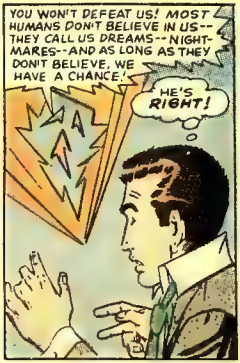

IT CANNOT BE HELPED! SO FAR WE CAN ONLY ENTER THRU ACCIDENTS OR BY CHANCE... BUT WHEN A WAY IS FOUND...
THEN THERE ARE MORE OF YOU, DISGUISED, AMONG US -- STUDYING OUR WAYS AND HABITS TO HELP YOUR INVASION OF OUR WORLD!

YES! BUT AS SOON AS ONE LIKE YOU BELIEVES IN OUR EXISTENCE, WE ARE FORCED BACK INTO OUR OWN DIMENSION! WE CAN'T STAND THOSE THOUGHT WAVES...!
THEN GO BACK --BACK TO THE FANTASTIC WORLD YOU BELONG IN-- AND NEVER RETURN!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HE'S RIGHT!

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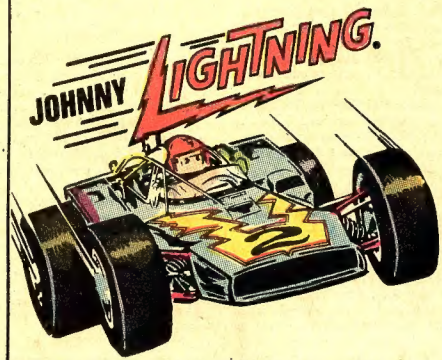

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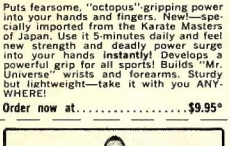

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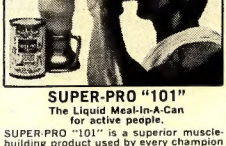

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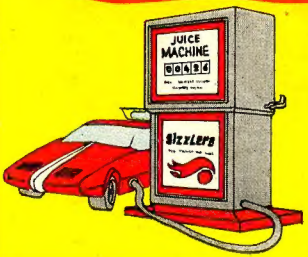

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